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1. Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) has shipped 450,000 railroad ties through Caobang via the Lung River to Lungchou (106-56, 22-22) for transshipment by rail from Ningming to Nanning. About 300,000 ties have already arrived at Lungchou and are piled up along both sides of the river near the Lungchou steel bridge. They were received by the Kwangsi Province Lumbering Company.
2. The DRV is sending these ties to the Chinese Communists in exchange for foodstuffs in accordance with their agreement with the Central and South China Area Trading Company. [redacted] agree-  
ment are not known, the first exchange involved the barter of 500,000 railway ties for 17,500,000 catties of foodstuffs.

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